#### **Joint Staff Preventive Medicine Report**



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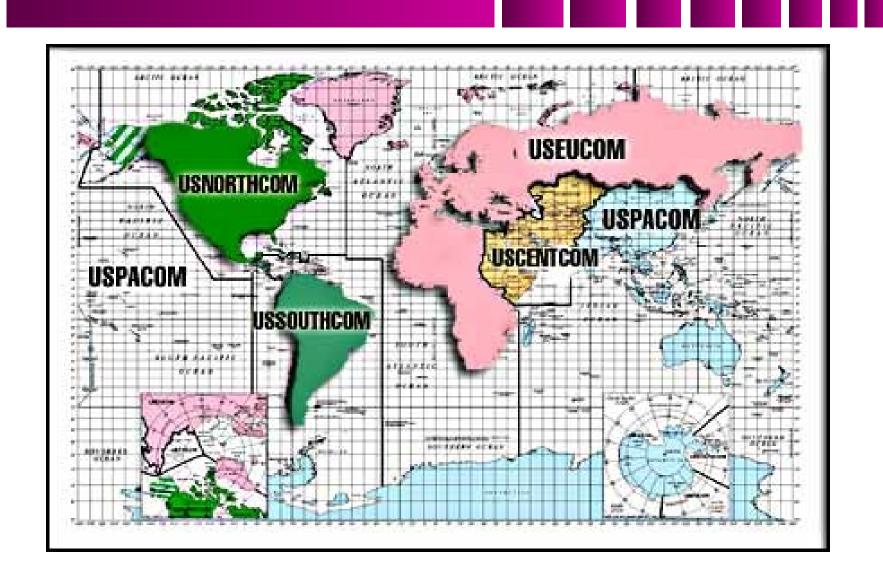




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#### **Unified Command Plan**



# **Combatant Command Surgeons' Conference**

- (U) December 2005 COCOM Surgeons' Conference
  - Avian Influenza was a discussion thread
- (U) US Pacific Command (PACOM) raised question regarding Influenza vaccine
  - Northern Hemisphere v. Southern Hemisphere
- (U) Only US Northern Command (NORTHCOM) is exclusively a "Northern Hemisphere" geographic COCOM.
  - While USPACOM raised the question, equity in the answer is shared by other COCOMs.



### **Questions for the Board**

- Are the common circulating influenza viruses different enough to warrant separate Northern and Southern Hemispheric vaccines?
- Is there insufficient cross-reactivity between the two vaccines to annually warrant DoD procurement of the two separate hemispheric influenza vaccines?



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 Is it practical for DoD to annually procure a Food & Drug Administration (FDA) licensed Southern Hemisphere influenza vaccine?

 What are the consequences of not procuring a FDA licensed Southern influenza vaccine?



# Discussion?